

SEXION URGED FOR IMPORTANT JOB

WE OR SIX INDEPENDENTS NOT LIKELY TO PLAY CHICAGOANS AT MONMOUTH ON ARMISTICE DAY

Gundersen, Wyman, Nichols, Smith and Chicken Still Really Crippled; Islanders' Lips Intact; Kuehl, Novak and Mansfield to Be Formidable Backfield.

BY BRUCE COPELAND.
Thursday's football at Monmouth as part of Monmouth's stupendous Armistice day celebration under the auspices of the Monmouth American Legion, and next Sunday's scheduled game with the Dayton Triangles at Douglas park, face the badly crippled Rock Island Independents as threatening factors of the toughest week of the current season.

It is almost certain that five Islanders will be unable to oppose the Original Thorns of Chicago on the Monmouth date. Those are Wyman, Nichols, Chicken, Smith and Gundersen. The latter's injuries will keep him out of the game for at least three weeks, his physical condition being such that he is advised to remain in bed. Island and Lyle will be in suitable condition to play in still doubtful.

Despite these misfortunes, the Independents will have a strong line in Webster and Marshall, ends; Shaw and Healey, tackles; Wyland and Donahoe, guards, and Fitzgerald, center. There is a strong possibility that Nichols' injured knee will not permit him to play. Babe Ursola, weakened to some extent Sunday by his somewhat premature return to the game, will probably have to direct the Islanders from his old position.

Fred Chickens' injured knee is not mending as rapidly as expected, and it is uncertain whether he can start against the Thorns. In this event, Waddy Kuehl and Eddie Novak will start as halfbacks. Jerry Mansfield's demonstration of speed in the last few minutes of Sunday's game makes him the logical substitute for Wyman at fullback. This is the probable lineup that will take the field against the Thorns:

INSIDIOUS TYPES OF SUPPORTERS

Cham-minded football fans are indignant today over the vile methods of gamblers to induce ill will among the Staleys soon after they arrived at the Davenport hotel on Saturday night. Such practice must cease at once or it will become a serious menace to the future of football in Rock Island. The best available professional football teams are brought to Rock Island in the interests of sport alone, not as an opportunity for cheap, unscrupulous gamblers to attempt a cleanup.

The vindictive enmity displayed by the Staleys might probably be traced directly to the taunts of gambling touts Saturday night, in which it was grossly misrepresented that the Independents would be the field to slug their way to victory, if possible.

There was not an iota of vindictive propaganda published on this page last week that would tend to incite the Independents to violation of the football rules. Those who feel inclined to disagree should spend at least one day in following the Independents during practice to be convinced of not only their assiduous training methods, but their absolute cleanliness of mind. Only a novice at the sport-writing game would aver otherwise.

The Independents cannot be polluted under the astute eye of Coach and Captain Rube Ursola, whose prime idea of football is that the game should be played strictly on its merits and without the slightest retrogression to pugilistic methods, as carelessly, but viciously implied by a Davenport newspaper. The fact lay in the affront of over-zealous alleged gamblers, whose slanderous taunts might have been directly responsible for the injuries incurred Sunday by the Independents.

BITING THE HAND THAT FEEDS 'EM

Aside from the Hammond game, in which the visitors used almost every foul method known to football, and the affront to clean sport imposed Sunday by the Staleys, the Rock Island football season has been undeniably clean and unblemished. The quality of visiting teams, other than Hammond and Staley, has been good and sportsmanlike in the extreme.

It is a godsend to play against such an opponent as "Shorty" Des Jardien of the Chicago Tigers, whose audible rebuke to his team-mates at the first indication of foul play was, "Cut that out; this is a clean game of football!" That is straight from the soul of sport and players like Des Jardien and the entire personnel of the Independents are the staunchest devotees of irreproachable competition.

Tri-city football, up to the present time, is supposed to have been cooperation between Rock Island, Moline and Davenport, with Rock Island holding the center of the circle, chiefly because of its advantageous location for the convenience of Moline, East Moline and Davenport fans. The Independent management has done all in its power to cement the warmest good will between themselves and the fans of Davenport and Moline. But after yesterday's vilification of home-town interests by a Davenport newspaper, it would appear that the best laid plans for popular entertainment have been wholly disregarded, and that the instigator is inclined to regard positive facts as idle gossip.

Any time that such factors of malcontent feel inclined to criticize something which they are unable to promote themselves, they must not forget that you cannot vilify vainly any home interest and expect it to course smoothly. Experience tells in the end. With even the slightest degree of intelligence, Rock Island knockers could see that they are literally biting the hand that feeds them. If not, why cannot they promote their own sporting affairs?

JULY 4 LIKELY FOR BIG FIGHT

Dempsey-Carpentier Bout to be Held Near New York in Arena Seating 100,000, Report.

New York, Nov. 9.—(By United Press.)—The Dempsey-Carpentier fight for a purse of half a million dollars probably will be held July 4 near New York in a stadium with a capacity of 100,000.

This last development in the biggest bout of all times comes with the announcement of Charles B. Cochran and Tex Rickard, two of the promoters.

"I am going to surprise the public that has been led to expect prices running up to \$200," Rickard said. "If my plans come through, the tickets will range from \$5 to \$40—no higher."

Rickard said an immense stadium would have to be built for an open air fight.

STALEYS TO MEET CHAMPION LEGION ON ARMISTICE DAY

Decatur, Ill., Nov. 9.—The Staley football team of this city will play the American Legion team at Champlain, Armistice day. With seven former Illinois men on the Staley team, eleven, the game is attracting much attention in this part of the state.

\$50,000 IS OFFERED FOR LEONARD TO FIGHT MITCHELL

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 9.—The Minneapolis Boxing sub today offered a purse of \$50,000 for the proposed fight for the lightweight title between Benny Leonard and Ritchie Mitchell, according to announcement made by Billy Mitchell, manager of the latter.

Mitchell stated that if a better offer is received from New York, where it has been proposed that the contest be held, it probably will be given the preference, because in Minnesota no decision can be rendered.

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You'd Smile, Too, Perhaps, If You Were in These Pugilists' Footgear



About these five men the interest of two continents is centered. They comprise the principals in the biggest gamble of our ring history. Everyone knows the Jack Dempsey glance and the Georges Carpentier smile. But we'll introduce the promoters. Upper left—William A. Brady, theatrical man and partner in the big scrap. Upper right—Charles B. Cochran, British promoter who represents the European angle to the highest paid ring attraction of all times. Center—Tex Rickard, the big league boxing promoter of America, who has figured in practically all the big bouts and who has a habit of making a go of whatever he undertakes.

BY DEAN SNYDER

A half million dollars is a real nest egg for a championship fight. Five hundred thousand dollars would buy a whole fleet of Rolls-Royce sport cars or it would pay for enough ice cream sodas to float a battleship in.

At the present inflated prices of boxing it took every nickel's worth of a half million bucks to bring Dempsey and Carpentier out of their corners.

During the war the boys wore gas masks. In times of peace we have turned to gas masks to save us from being nervous wrecks in figuring up why the cost of mill entertainment should be so big and burly.

Long Ago.

Only twenty or twenty-five years ago the champions fought gruelling battles of twenty rounds or more and if they got purses of \$1,000, or \$1,500 at the most, they had killed the golden goose.

Bankrolls are figured different now. Even a graduate from the preliminary class scoffs at the size of the purse which the champions used to be glad to fight for.

In the olden days the boxers gambled with the promoters on a 50 per cent cut of the gross receipts, splitting their half 60-40.

But that commonplace idea, too, has been scooped into the trash heaps of the yesterdays.

Boxing of the present is run on the "de money in de pocket" scale. The fighters want "theirs" before the promoters turn a wheel in making up their expense budgets.

Big Business.

Boxing has reached the stage where it enters the category of big business.

No wonder Dempsey and Carpentier smile. You'd smile, too, if you were in their shoes.

Yet no one is kicking at their good fortune in being so situated that they can clean up a fortune in a single show.

A boxing title is worth to a champion just what he can make out of it. He would be foolish to go back to the old scale of prices when the bigger prizes are ready to be counted out to him by eager promoters.

Fat Checks.

When Dempsey signed to box Carpentier for the world's heavyweight championship Jack was writing his name to a check payable to himself for the sum of \$300,000, and Georges likewise for \$200,000.

And the promoters who are facing the biggest gamble in ring history—Tex Rickard, William A. Brady and Charles B. Cochran—

they are a trio of hard-headed business men, who generally look before they leap.

The average attendance at heavy-weight title bouts of the past 20 years has been less than 20,000. At \$25 per card it would require 20,000 to make up the \$500,000 purse alone.

Picture Rights.

The picture rights may save the promoters if the present federal law against the taking of fight films from state to state can be overcome. They get 50 per cent of the picture privileges and each fighter takes his 25 per cent, according to the articles of agreement.

It's a lot of money. No bigger gamble in boxing was ever undertaken. But boxing never before was so popular and the customers so liberal as they are now.

Covers Territory.

And the principals in the big bout excite not only America but Europe as well. That covers a pretty big area.

Dempsey can make the fortune which has been denied him so far. Carpentier can rehabilitate his coal mines, ruined during the war. And the promoters—if they are lucky—can enter into the spirit of that old rag we used to sing—"Every little bit added to what you got makes just a little bit more."

BASEBALL BET SCANDAL HITS TEXAS LEAGUE

Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 9.—(By United Press.)—More than \$20,000 was bet by oil millionaires on a single game in the Texas league last season, it was alleged at a meeting of owners of the Texas league Saturday, when a protested game was thrown out by Walter Morris, retiring president, it became known today.

The game was played at Wichita Falls between that team and Dallas. Following the contest a riot occurred and Umpire Miller was protected by a squad of police. No one wine by virtue of the fact the game was thrown out and the money which had been held in escrow pending decision of the league will be turned back to the bettors, it was declared.

Texas league officials attending the meeting of the National Association of Minor Leagues in Kansas City tomorrow will demand a class A rating for the Lone Star circuit. It was declared here today.

President Doak Roberts and Walter Morris, retiring president, said the Texas league was no longer willing to submit to draft from the Western league, which they regarded as a slower circuit.

STAR CUEISTS MEET.

San Francisco, Nov. 9.—Six billiard players of note were here today for the national 18.2 championship tournament, which will begin tonight. They were Marcus Catton, St. Louis; Jake Schaefer, Denver; Koji Yamada, Nagasaki, Japan; David McCandless, Chicago; Walker Cochran, New York, and Ora Morringstar, San Diego, Cal. The winner and runner-up, it has been announced, will meet Willie Hoppe in December for the world's championship.

BOWLING

Commercial League.

BARBERS		
Siegrist	177	134
Bredar	157	147
Nold	147	171
Spiker	185	153
Starofski	124	144
Totals	790	814

ISLAND CITY.

C. Wich	187	201
Carver	145	141
Mangelsdorf	138	159
Hiner	163	158
Danielson	202	189
Totals	841	859

TRACTOR.

Cavanaugh	145	138
Finklenstein	180	143
Lamb	105	139
Strayer	146	160
Paulsen	153	178
Totals	729	758

M. & S.

Harrison	105	131
Dodd	112	150
Miller	121	94
Schork	179	172
Nisbet	146	117
Totals	663	664

PLAN ELIMINATION SERIES TO SELECT LEONARD OPPONENT

New York, Nov. 9.—Selection of six lightweight boxers to fight through a series of elimination bouts to decide which will meet Benny Leonard for the lightweight championship here on Nov. 26, was the subject of a conference today between Tex Rickard, promoter, and Billy Gibson, Leonard's manager.

Among the possible aspirants to be considered were Lew Tendler of Philadelphia, Willie Jackson, who recently defeated Eddie Fitzsimmons, Johnny Dundee of New York, Joe Wellington of Chicago and Ritchie Mitchell of Milwaukee.

2 DEAD AFTER GRID INJURIES

Star Halfback of Rolla School of Mines, and Kansas Normal Player Die.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 9.—(United Press.)—Edward Bohn, left halfback on the Rolla School of Mines football team, died of injuries received in a game with Warrensburg Normal at Rolla last Saturday, here last night.

Bohn caught a punt and was running it back when he was tackled fiercely. He was taken from the game but his injury was not believed serious. Later when he failed to improve he was rushed to a St. Louis hospital. On examination it was found the fifth vertebrae of his spine was shattered. Paralysis from the wrist down resulted. Bohn was a star on the Rolla team. He scored 10 of his team's 17 points. Rolla won 17 to 0.

Another Death.

Emporia, Kan., Nov. 9.—(United Press.)—First death from football injuries in Kansas this fall came when Jack Reeves, Normal fullback, died from injuries received Saturday in the Normal-Warrensburg game. He was twisted and never regained consciousness. Reeves was former fullback on the Great Lakes naval training station team.

KATO FOR OTTO.

Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 9.—Otto Wallace knocked out Red Herring in the seventh round of a 12-round bout here last night. Anton Luchs won over Jimmy Bibb of Fort Worth in the semi-windup.

YOST'S BUSINESS.

Ann Arbor, Nov. 9.—Coach "Hurry-Up" Yost may retire from football after this fall. He has been actively engaged in coaching since 1897. He's a wealthy coal operator.

PROPOSED FOR SUCCESSOR TO SEC. FARRELL

Rock Island Dean in National Baseball Circles Is Center of Attention at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 9.—War clouds loomed dark and forbidding for proponents of the Lasker plan for baseball reorganization when the presidents and club owners of the 21 minor leagues of the nation met in convention here today to vote on the proposed civilian tribunal as the supreme governing body of organized baseball.

When the committee of three appointed by the 12-club new National league, organized yesterday in Chicago, arrived here to present the Lasker plan for the consideration of the minor leagues, indications were that it would be overwhelmingly defeated. The minor league leaders declared themselves capable of settling their own disputes and conducting their own affairs.

Thomas J. Hickey, president of the American association; David L. Fultz, head of the International league, and A. R. Tearney, president of the Western and Three-Eye leagues, were unanimous in expressing their disapproval of the Lasker plan.

"To have the major leagues select the officials to govern us, would be merely to go back to the old system from which the minors withdrew last winter," President Hickey said. "The major leagues did not have to select the members of the new commission for us. We are capable of taking care of our own affairs. We employ more players than do the major leagues combined. We have at least as much money invested and never will consent to a scheme by which we would have no voice in the selection of the men to handle our affairs," he declared.

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"Our Mike"



MICHAEL H. SEXTON.

and the election of M. H. Sexton of Rock Island, Ill., as his successor. Sexton for a score of years has been a dominant factor in minor league affairs. He formerly was president of the Three-Eye league and for several years has been president of the National Association of Minor Leagues, an honorary office carrying no salary. His supporters claim to have enough votes to insure him a salary of \$7,500. It is planned to move minor league headquarters from Auburn to Chicago.

MATHEWSON GETS DROP ON ILLNESS, SARANAC REPORTS

New York, Nov. 9.—A dispatch received here today from Saranac Lake, declares that Christy Mathewson, former star major leaguer, is recovering from his illness.

After more than a year's fight against tuberculosis, which set in while the diamond favorite was with the army in France, he is making progress toward health, and physicians now declare there is a good chance for his full recovery.

The Sportscope

By Bruce Copeland.

Again—The Tout! Throw Him Out!

On second thought, a Rock Island gambling tout might or might not have been directly responsible Sunday afternoon at Douglas park for the unfortunate indiscretion of Trafton. Staley center. It is a spirit of absolute fairness that impels to give Trafton the benefit of such doubt.

It is a known fact that this gambling tout, without a dime of his own to wager, accosted Trafton in the Davenport hotel on Saturday night with the malicious suggestion that he bet \$100—even that Gundersen would put him out of the game intentionally in the first quarter.

This might have been a vicious misrepresentation to Trafton and the rest of the Staleys, impelling them to come to Rock Island and not be caught napping. In other words, they might have resolved to get us before "we could get them," wholly at the intimation of this disreputable gambling tout.

The menace of such a character being among the first to greet visiting players not only threatens to counter-act Rock Island's good reputation in professional football, but it also serves to stimulate the ill will that was apparent Sunday in the unsportsmanlike tactics of the Staley eleven.

The Sportscope has already exposed the perils of overt gambling demonstrations at Douglas park. It remains for the management to curb this menacing evil if the good name of Rock Island football is to be preserved. Gamblers, roaming through the stands and among the bleachers waving wads of bills under persons' noses, mark themselves with disrepute and do as much to injure sport as players who violate the rules.

The Sportscope reiterates that open gambling should be prohibited at Douglas park, if for no other reason than protection of women and children from this wholly obnoxious method of attempting to stimulate more excitable interest in the games. Usually the person who advertises a weakness for public gambling is among the first to become disgruntled over the slightest reverse of the Independents.

At any rate, the club management should see that visiting teams are not met at the station or hotel by petty gamblers, whose general regard for the truth and sportsmanship is in keeping with their aversion to earn an honest living. Such receptions create the impression among athletes that they are walking into a stickup trap, and they have been known to change their tactics to fit the shoe; that is, self-preservation is the first law of nature.

In commenting on Sunday's football game, The Davenport Democrat calls us "an over-enthusiastic, although prejudiced sport writer." As far as over-enthusiasm goes, we are glad we can still enjoy life. As to prejudice, which is almost identical with incapability, we would stoop to advise that persons with narrow shoulders should never wear suspenders.

HI TEAM GETS HARD WORKOUT FOR DAVENPORT

Best Island Team in Years Begun by Former Davenport Victorians.

BY "ALBIN AL"

With a hard fought game in prospect with Davenport next Saturday, Rock Island high settled down to a week of mean workouts. With eight straight victories behind them the locals are expecting to put up one of the hardest fights against Davenport that a Rock Island team ever had.

The Iowans have been victorious in the annual contest ever since 1904, and the Islanders have a multitude of defeats, for which to get revenge. The closest that the locals have come to defeating the Red and Blue machine was in 1915 when the score was 7-6. The two teams were about evenly matched that fall and the game was one of the hardest ever played in these parts.

Defeat An Annual Habit.

One reason why Davenport has copied so many victories in a row, or at least it has been one of the reasons for the last few years, is that everybody, even the team, expects to get a drubbing. Rock Island has been in the habit of getting beaten so long that the defeat has become a fixed institution and everyone expects it.

This year, however, things are different. The present team is the strongest that has ever represented the school for at least five years. An idea of what the team really is cannot be gotten from the showing in the Moline game. The squad was playing its worst in that battle and it was only Duncan's brilliant runs that saved the day.

The team that played Sterling last Saturday would have played rings around the Islander squad that met Moline the week before. All of the men played hard and there was none of the lagging that comes from late hours, that was so apparent in the Moline battle.

Sterling A Strong Team.

There have been rumors around that the Sterling squad was weak, and that the Islanders should have beaten by a large score. In reality, the Sterling team was every bit as strong as the Rock Island team. The Sterling men have not lost a game this year and have won all of their games so far with the exception of the Rock Island battle by top-heavy scores. The Sterling mentor has developed a passing attack that was better than any the Islanders have run up against yet. They fought all of the time and the locals had to work harder to defeat them than they did in the Moline battle.

The Rock Island squad will enter the game Saturday with hope slightly against it if comparative scores can be depended upon. In the first game of the year Davenport defeated Geneseo by the score of 13-6 in Davenport. Three weeks ago the Islanders met and walked off with a 7-3 score. By this method of reasoning Davenport should win by a slight margin.

Geneseo No Criticism.

Fans who saw the Rock Island-Geneseo battle, however, are not downhearted over the scores. The battle was played in the rain on a gridiron that in spots resembled a plowed field. The Islanders backs were too tight to make much by smashing through it, the heavier Geneseo line and were hindered by the wet ground from making gains by speed. If the field had been dry the Islanders would have won by three touchdowns at least.

Although Davenport won the battle against Clinton last Saturday it was a hard fought game all around. Several of the Clinton men were injured as were also two or three of the Davenport players. It was reported that Layden, the Iowan flash, had suffered a dislocated shoulder. Islanders are not counting on Davenport cripples as those cripples usually are pretty lively men by the time the game starts.

All Boys In Good Form.

All the Rock Island players came out of the Sterling battle in fine form. None of the men were injured throughout the game and are feeling fit to play a whirlwind game against the Iowans.

DENVER PRODUCT.

Boston, Nov. 9.—Coach Cavanaugh, famous as the coach of the Boston college team, which has humbled Yale twice, began his coaching career in Denver, Colo., 15 years ago.

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